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THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, DR. CESAR GOMEZ-ESTRADA, THE ATTN. GENERAL, DR. JAIME SERRANO RUEDA, AND DR. MIGUEL SANCHEZ MENDEZ, ASST. ATTN. GENERAL HAVE ACCEPTED DEA'S INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN OBSERVATION TOUR FROM AUG 28 TO SEPT 5, 1977.

THE 3 VISITORS AND ESCORT OFFICER, SAIC DAVID F. BURNETT, WILL DEPART BOGOTA ON AUG 28 VIA BRANIFF FLT. 908 AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT AT 3:15 PM. IF POSS, REQUEST MRO TO MEET FLIGHT AND ASSIST WITH CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.

BIO DATA IS AS FOLLOWS:

DR. CESAR GOMEZ ESTRADA

MINISTER OF JUSTICE. POSITION HELD FOR APPROX. 1 YEAR. PREVIOUSLY HE WAS A SUPREME COURT JUDGE. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE MAJORED IN LAW.

DR. JAIME SERRANO RUEDA

ATTORNEY GENERAL SINCE 1974. GRADUATE FROM NATIONAL

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UNIVERSITY IN 1948. HE HAS BEEN A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THE COLOMBIAN CONSUL IN GLASGOW (1961-62). DR. SERRANO WAS A CONGRESSMAN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1966 - 1970; HE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT FROM 1967-68 AND PRESIDENT FROM 1969-1970 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HE WAS A SENATOR FROM 1970-74 AND HAS SERVED AS GOVERNADOR OF THE DEPT. OF SANTANDER.

DR. MIGUEL SANCHEZ MENDEZ

PROCURADOR DELEGADO PARA MINISTERIO PUBLICO. HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE US AS CO-ORDINATOR ON DRUG MATTERS BETWEEN THE US AND COLOMBIA. HE HAS BEEN A CITY JUDGE, A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR AND HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE JUDICIAL POLICE OF COLOMBIA. DR. SANCHEZ HAS TAUGHT AT THE GRAN COLOMBIA UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBIA. HE HAS ALSO PUBLISHED SEVERAL ARTICLES ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PENOLOGY, ETC.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT IS FOR THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL TO OBTAIN SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO ORGANIZE A NEW JUDICIAL POLICE FOR COLOMBIA. THE JUDICIAL POLICE WILL CONSIST OF APPROX. 700 AGENTS AND 100 ATTORNEYS, AMONG THESE A NARCOTIC DIVISION WILL BE FORMED.

DR. SANCHEZ MENDEZ IS ACCOMPANYING THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL IN ORDER TO MEET DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS THAT CAN ASSIST HIM IN CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES AS AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE US AS COORDINATOR FOR DRUG MATTERS.

THE 3 GUESTS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON, DC AND THE MIAMI REGIONAL OFFICE. DURING THEIR STAY IN WASH, THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET ADMINISTRATOR BENSINGER OF DEA, MATHEA FALCO AND DR. PETER BOURNE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE FBI TRAINING ACADEMY, THE FBI LABORATORY, THE DEA TRAINING CENTER AND A DEA LABORATORY. THEY WANT TO DISCUSS THE INTERNAL CONTROL AND OPERATIONS OF DEA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPERATIONAL MANUALS, REGULATIONS, REPORTING, DATA PROCESSING AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. IF POSSIBLE, THEY

WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND THE US SUPREME COURT.

WHILE IN MIAMI, THE GROUP WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE HOW AGENTS WORK, THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SUPERVISION AND CONTROL. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT BY DEA ONLY.

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